

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments.

The Specification has been amended to include a cross-reference to related applications PCT/EP2004/008234, international filing date of July 20, 2004, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/489,237 filed July 21, 2003.

Claim 13 is amended herein to more distinctly claim Applicants invention. Support for the amendment can be found, *inter alia*, in original claim 15. No new matter has been added.

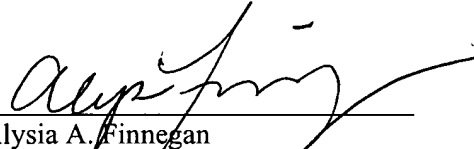
Claim 15 is canceled herein without prejudice to pursuing the subject matter of said claim in a later filed divisional application.

Applicants assert all claims are in condition for allowance and a favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would be of value, he is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

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